

REMARKS

Applicants would like to thank the Examiner for the careful consideration given the present application and request that the above amendments be entered.

The amendments above do not affect the disclosure or the scope of any claims, and they do not add any new claims. Rather, applicants are simply cancelling claims 9-20. Accordingly, no additional search and/or consideration will be needed and no more than a cursory review of the record will be necessary. The amendments were not presented earlier because the Notice of Allowance was received before any substantive prosecution occurred in this matter.

Applicants do not concede that any of the cancelled claims are not patentable over the art of record and, further, they reserve the right to pursue the cancelled claims and additional claims in one or more continuation and/or divisional application(s).

The issue fee has not been paid

In light of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that the present Amendment should be entered. If it is determined that the Amendment will not be entered, the Examiner is invited to initiate a telephone interview with the undersigned attorney to expedite prosecution of the present application.

If there are any additional fees resulting from this communication, please charge same to our Deposit Account No. 18-0160, our Order No. IBM-17573.

Respectfully submitted,

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